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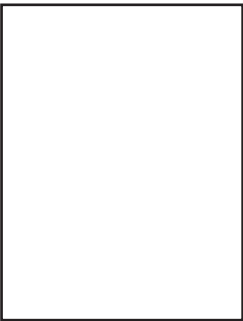
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A soldier watches as artillery rounds fired from Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, explode on target.

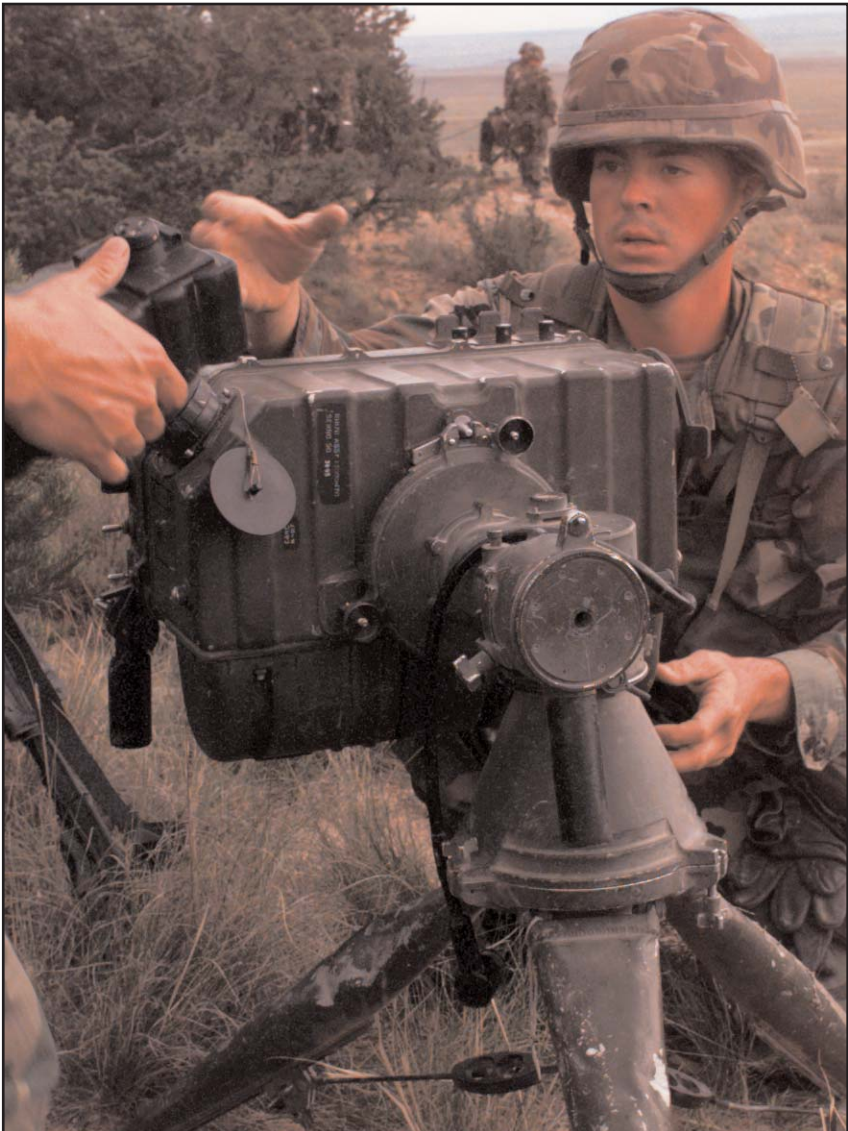
Laser locator pinpoints enemy for destruction

by Pfc. Adam Thornton
14th Public Affairs Detachment
Artillery rounds pounded the ground, hitting their mark Aug. 19 as 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery demonstrated its firing capabilities to senior leadership of 3rd Brigade.

From high ground, planned targets and targets of opportunity were pinpointed using a Ground Vehicle Laser Locator Designator. This device calculates the range and azimuth to a target, which is then converted to a grid coordinate and sent to a howitzer battery. The data is then programmed into the gun's computer, which adjusts the gun to the coordinate, and is fired.

We're the eyes for the artillery," said Sgt. David McCarson, combat observation team chief for Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 3rd Bn., 29 FA.

The purpose of the exercise was to show maneuver commanders the capabilities and limitations of the field artillery, said



Specialist Shawn Edwards, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, assembles targeting equipment.

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Commanders



Riggs

"Currently, there are an estimated 18,000 single parents in the Army ..."

Parenting in itself is not an easy task. When you're a single parent in the Army trying to play the dual parenting role, it's that much harder. This is why I'd like to recognize the Single Parent Group which is helping our single parents cope with their military careers and family situations. Overall readiness of the force starts with focused and mission ready soldiers, to include single parent soldiers. Currently, there are an estimated 18,000 single parents in the Army and, on Fort Carson, there are about 1,500.

This is one reason why the Single Parent Group was started. The group is open to all active duty and civilian single parents and has been meeting on Fort Carson since 1992 under the direction of Karen Howard, Army Community Services Coordinator. The group is an outlet for single parents to voice their frustrations, get advice and talk to adults in similar family situations. It also helps soldiers by explaining, in detail, the process of developing a child care plan.

The group has information on resource programs available on Fort Carson and in the local community. These resource programs provide counseling, someone to talk to for personal support, and reduced trip prices, e.g., Elitch Gardens, the Colorado Springs Zoo and single parent retreats.

The group facilitates parents' transition from a two-parent income to a single-parent income. Often single parents are forced to live on smaller incomes so inexpensive trips available through the group fit their agendas perfectly. Another common financial struggle addressed within the group is child care. Group members and ACS advisors provide essential information to assist one another with child care both on and off post. Because single parents can be on strict budgets, the less expensive child care they can find, the better off they are financially. This is why the group emphasizes the importance of budgets for the single parent lifestyle. Although the Army doesn't pay a single soldier more because of the family situation, it is vital for the soldiers to utilize all of the resources the Mountain Post has to offer them at little or no cost.

Members not only give each other support, they also create special bonds within the group and go out together just for fun. The closeness of the group is visible in the ways they help one another with everyday life situations such as taking care of each others' children for the day, or just helping one another overcome daily problems, such as auto repairs.

Howard is to work put into providing information and discussion for successful single parents. It's an instrumental role to carry on the responsibility with a spouse lost or death.

One of the ways contributing to the Parenting Resource Child and Youth Services Better Opportunities Parent Group and information on career resources programs ACS, Single Parents in the Springs and the Child Assistance Program expected to meet as other soldiers do. This is why enlist regardless of rank. commanders on the plan. These plans are dieters in completing CQ, field exercises. With these plans in focus on mission readiness guide has a care plan through and fill out sions.

Our single parents their families. They

Sound Off!

What is the biggest challenge single parents face in the Army?



CWO Eric Wymann
Troop Q, 3rd ACR
Being deployed and having to provide suitable care for children.



Capt. Suzanne MacDonald
4th Sgl., 3rd ACR
Trying to excel in the Army, plus being a good parent.



SSG Ricky Turner
Fort Polk, La.
Not having time to do everything and worrying about child care.

U.S. military strikes at terrorists in Sudan, A

by Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

U.S. military forces damaged buildings in Sudan and Afghanistan during an Aug. 20 strike at facilities affiliated with a terrorist group identified as having engineered the Aug. 7 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and in Tanzania.

The Nairobi bombing killed more than 200 people, including 12 Americans, and injured nearly 5,000. The bombing in Dar es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital, killed 10 and wounded 70. Osama bin Laden, a wealthy Saudi exile with terrorist ties, has been a prime suspect of masterminding the Kenya and Tanzania bombings, according to U.S. government officials.

We recognize that these strikes will not eliminate the problem, but our message is clear, said Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen during an Aug. 20 Pentagon press conference. There will be no sanctuary for terrorists and no limit to our resolve to defend American citizens and our interests, our ideals of democracy and law against these cowardly (terrorist) attacks.

Those who attack our people will find no safe place, no refuge from the long arm of

justice, he said.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, later provided the press with some information about the U.S. operation.

I need to forewarn you, Cohen told the press. There will not be much operational detail provided. We are engaged in a difficult confrontation with the forces of international terrorism.

The unique nature of the terrorist threat, the lack of regard for international law, the willingness to specifically target innocent civilians, transnational operations which defy traditional means of influence, all of these factors and more have forced us to adopt some very different approaches to the problem. And, therefore, we do not intend to provide, at least for now, the specific numbers or units of U.S. military forces that have been involved. Nor will we discuss the specific weapons and tactics employed in these strikes, he said.

Shelton then explained the rationale for American strikes on targets which U.S. intelligence sources identified as a terrorist chemical weapons facility in Sudan, and terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.

This is not a specific act, but a U.S. citizens and globe against a terrorist threat, intelligence community convincing information intelligence source network of terrorism, the financing attacks on U.S. Tanzania. (Those) people, including ed thousands more

This is by no Laden network has ist attacks ... bin to attempting to kill their way to and a mission to Somalia and followers have president of Egypt said.

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Welcome aboard

Major general John M. Riggs, post commander, left, welcomes Brig. Gen. James T. Jackson, deputy commanding general 5th U.S. Army East, to the Mountain Post Wednesday at Manhart Field.



Community

Recycling saves money on Fort Carson

by Pfc. Adam Thornton
14th Public Affairs Detachment

Dumpsters situated throughout Fort Carson are being filled with materials better suited for recycling than for Colorado's landfills.

We're throwing away money that could be going back to benefit our post, said Jim Gray, installation recycling manager for the post Recycle Center.

At present time, the Recycle Center is receiving and recycling about 30 percent of Fort Carson's recyclable materials, said Gray.

Dumpsters filled with recyclable materials — cardboard, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, white paper, etc. — cost between \$60 to \$100 a ton to be hauled away by commercial sanitation contractors. Again, money that can be used to benefit the post.

A year ago, the Recycling Troop Incentive Program was put into effect to motivate units on Fort Carson to take an active role in recycling.

This program benefits units by refunding them with 20 percent of

the profits earned from the recyclable materials turned in to the Recycle Center. The remaining 80 percent pays the overhead for the Recycle Center.

We have the infrastructure for a great recycling program, said Gray. The trouble is getting the units and residents to take advantage of the facility.

As part of the RTIP program, units separate their recyclable materials and transport them to the Recycle Center for recycling.

The materials are weighed and a weight receipt slip is given to the unit.

At the end of the quarter, the unit receives the refund.

Regardless of the monetary benefit of recycling, few units have implemented the program into their routine, said Gray.

However, units that are taking advantage of the program are doing a great job, he said.

The problem of low activity in recycling goes beyond unit participation. The residential areas of Fort Carson also need to get more

involved, he said.

Residents are provided with recycling receptacles separating the various recyclable items. Each week, workers from the Recycle Center pass through the residential areas, collecting the recyclable materials from the respective bins.

Those who miss their recycle pick-up days, may transport their recyclables to large recycle bins across the street from McMahon Theater. Newspapers, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastics can be deposited at this location.

Large recycle bins are also situated outside the gate of the Recycle Center, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to Fort Carson residents wishing to deposit their recyclables.

Efforts are directed toward a goal from the Department of Defense to have all military installations recycling 50 percent of their materials by 2000.

We're about 20 percent away from meeting that goal, said Gray.

For more information on how to fully participate in the recycling



Photo by Pfc. Adam Thornton
Sergeant Bill Ritter, motor vehicle operator, 43rd Transportation Company, moves cardboard to a conveyor belt for recycling.

Fort Carson welcomes youth program

Program helps teenagers take control of their lives

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

Fort Carson will become home to 100 to 130 youths Sept. 26, when the Colorado Youth Challenge Corps Program holds its first-ever 22-week resident program at the former correctional facility.

The program is designed for 16 to 18 year olds who are expelled or at risk of expulsion from school, said Ray Z. Dissinger, director of CYCC, Colorado.

This is a program for youths who want to volunteer to change

their lives around, Dissinger said.

No participants are being punished, they are only here if they want to be here.

To ensure youths are serious when they volunteer for the 22-week program, Dissinger said the first two weeks are spent outside in tents. During this period, all the teenagers are watched over closely, to see how serious they are about changing their lives.

We don't keep the youths who don't participate, he said. The purpose of this program is to show them how to take charge of their lives.

After the two weeks of staying in tents, the youths move into intensive training. The intensive training includes, improving life skills, education, health and fitness. The Challenge doesn't end there, as the youths have mentors who keep in touch with them for another year. Dissinger said the mentors keep in touch with the teenagers after the 22-weeks program to help them stay on track.

Eighty-four percent of the youth who attend the Challenge go on to receive their GED (general equivalency diploma), 85 percent go on to higher education or hold a job and less than 1 percent get incarcerated, he said.

While going through the program at Fort Carson, the youths will be supervised 24 hours a day

by their mentors. Some of the mentors in this program are soldiers in the National Guard, who are paid as civilians. Soldiers participating in the program as mentors also benefit, Dissinger said.

Soldiers who participate are almost like drill sergeants, he said. When they go back to their units they are usually better soldiers and NCOs.

Not all mentors are soldiers, and Dissinger said anyone who wants to volunteer as a mentor is more than welcomed.

The class is free and anyone who thinks their child may be at risk and wants to get them involved can call for more information. The program is scheduled to stay at Fort Carson for at least 14 months, Dissinger said.

The Fort Carson community

Mountain Post to receive visit from Systems Corps

Directorate of Environmental Compliance and Management

The Army is looking for ways to save energy - and one of the places it s looking is Fort Carson.

The post is one of a group of installations selected by the Department of the Army for a closer look at how it uses energy, a survey of how to trim that use, and a seminar to involve the entire community in the process.

Our goal is not to make people feel uncomfortable, DA representative Maj. Sue McDonald said. What we re to do is make Fort Carson more efficient. This is strictly to benefit

everybody.

A survey team from Systems Engineering and Management Corporation (Systems Corp), based in Knoxville, Tenn., will visit Fort Carson on Sept. 22 to 24 to do a preliminary assessment of the post s energy consumption habits. The team will visit housing areas, barracks, offices and classrooms looking for energy conservation opportunities such as high efficiency lighting, domestic water temperatures, preventative equipment maintenance, and building occupants level of energy conservation awareness. Team members will be taking photos during their visit, and will do both day

and night walk-throughs on the installation.

Then, in October, the team, along with DA and Center for Public Works representatives, will return to present an Energy Awareness Seminar for the community. Community-wide participation in this is important energy conservation involves everybody, from every part of the post.

In a letter to the post, Systems Corp outlined the visit and its reason: The seminar series is designed to give the Army soldier, civilian, and contractor personnel a clear understanding of the impact of their everyday actions on energy consumption. Current Army

Bone marrow donor drive offers hope for patients

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

More than 142 soldiers, family members and Department of Defense civilians participated in the Bill Young (DoD) Marrow Program at Christopher's restaurant Friday.

Since the beginning of the program in 1986, there have been approximately 3.4 million soldiers, family members and DoD civilians registered in the national registry, according to Eddie Medina, bone marrow recruiter.

Even with a perfect match there is still no guarantee the patient's body will accept the new bone marrow, he said.

There is only a 52 percent survival rate with a transplant, said Medina.

It is a medical miracle that can cure some 60 diseases, said U. S. Representative Bill Young, R-Florida and founder of the marrow program.

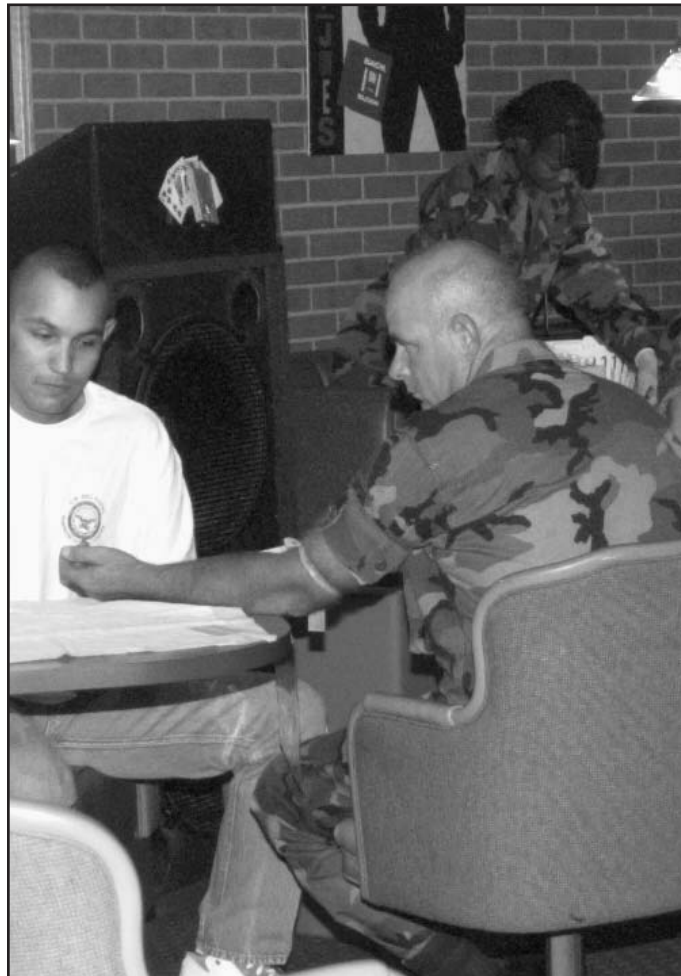
Currently, approximately 80 percent of those needing a donor do find them, said Young. The procedure to register in the program is a minor blood test to determine tissue type, he said. Young was also the essential factor in getting members of Congress tested for the bone marrow program.

This is an opportunity for people to give a second chance for life to someone with a disease, said Young.

The program is voluntary and takes a great commitment if a donor is a match for an afflicted person, said Capt. Robert Hartzman, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy. It is important that a potential donor know exactly the level of commitment needed in becoming part of the registry, he said.

Currently, DoD wide there have been 165,000 marrow donors, said Hartzman.

The need for donors is vital in saving lives, because nearly 70 percent of patients cannot find suitably matched marrow donors within their families, according to the marrow program brochure. The match is usually found in



Photos by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner

Garrison Sgt. Major James Mallette, has a blood sample taken during the marrow donor drive.

a sibling, but sometimes nonrelated donors are needed to provide a match, said Medina. It is especially hard for minorities since only some 24 percent of the donor registry is made up of minorities, he said. In most cases many patients die before finding a donor, according to the marrow program brochure.

This is why there is a big push for soldiers,



Representative Bill Young, presents a plaque to Maj. Gen. John M. Riggs, commanding general, in honor of Fort Carson marrow donors.

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Fort Carson students stand in line to get on the bus to school every morning.

Post students return to classes

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff



Students from Abrhams Elementary cross the street safely after school with the help of crossing guard Matthew Hamilton, Bravo troop, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.



Credit inquiries normal in Colorado

Colorado Springs Better Business Bureau

The Better Business Bureau continues to receive a deluge of calls from concerned consumers regarding a letter they have received from Trans Union located at P.O. Box 403 in Springfield, Pa. Trans Union is sending letters notifying consumers that inquiries have been made to their consumer report during the previous 12-month period.

These letters have been sent pursuant to the Colorado Consumer Credit Reporting Act enacted July 31, 1997, which states that any credit reporting agency is required to notify Colorado residents if the reporting agency has received three credit inquiries on the consumer or the agency has received a report that would add negative information to a consumer's file.

Trans Union is one of three major credit reporting agencies. The other two are Experian (formally known as TRW) and Equifax.

Under the Colorado Consumer Credit Reporting Act, consumers are allowed to request one free credit report per year from each credit reporting agency.

Many consumers are concerned that this is some sort of scam and are hesitant to give requested information such as social security number, place of employment, date of birth and mother's maiden name. These forms of identification are required in order for you to receive your accurate credit report.

The BBB has the address and phone numbers of all three credit reporting agencies.

AAFES changes computer layaway, refund policies

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is changing its layaway and refund policies for computers and related items. As of Aug. 2, AAFES will no longer offer layaway service for computers, monitors, peripherals, or software. Refunds on these items can be made for 14 days, a change from the previous 30-day policy.

With the volatility of the computer market, in terms of frequent phaseouts and new product rollouts, a 90-day layaway doesn't make good business sense, said Steve

Chapel

An account has been established to receive donations toward the replacement of sanctuary furnishings destroyed during the January fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Send checks or money orders to the chapel or the Installation Chaplain's Office.

A Religious Education Fair will be conducted Sept. 13 at Soldiers Memorial Chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will be the opportunity to sign up for Protestant Sunday School, Protestant Youth and Protestant Men of the Chapel and Catholic Family Religious Education.

Religious Education Classes need volunteers to serve as teachers and assistants in the Protestant and Catholic Religious Education Programs. If interested, call Miki Feldman at 526-0478.

Protestant women of the Chapel will meet every Tuesday at Soldiers Memorial Chapel from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday. For more information, call Jennifer Wake at 540-9157 or Nancy Beach at 576-4471.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Contact Person
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Healer	Mass	M-W-F	11:45 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Gagliardo/526-7386
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Soldiers	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Feldman/526-0478
McMahon	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769
Veterans	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Cavanaugh/526-5769

Changes in worship services due to the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel are denoted in bold type.

LITURGICAL

Provider	Liturgical	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Brock/526-1473
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PROTESTANT

Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Tarvin/526-7387
Prussman	Prot/Samoan	Sunday	8 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Hamrick/526-4206
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Duvall/526-4416
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Stephen/526-4416
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206
Prussman	Prot/Gospel	Sunday	11 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Giles/526-4206
Soldiers	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Scheck/526-5626
McMahon	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. Cooper/526-8011
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. J. Hartranft/524-1822
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Simo/526-8890

For additional information contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 6227, at 526-5209. For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children during on-post worship services. Some worship services offer a children's church for ages 6 to 12.

Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

- Saturday, Psalms 84 & Job 22-24
- Sunday, Psalms 85 & Job 25-27
- Monday, Habakkuk 3:2-19 & Job 28-30
- Tuesday, 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 & Job 31-33
- Wednesday, Psalms 86 & Job 34-36
- Thursday, Psalms 87 & Job 37-39
- Sept. 4, Psalms 88 & Job 40-42

Chaplain s Corner

Commentary

by Chap. (Capt.) Rajmund Kopec
Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry
Regiment

In our age of science, technology and rationalism, there is a tendency to replace belief in God with psychological or scientific theories. In particular, areas of physics and cosmology appear to be very influenced by that tendency. This situation is reflected by publications written either by scientists untrained in philosophy or theology or in both, or by theologians who have not even a basic education in the exact sciences. Those publications may be very confusing and destructive for the Christian spirit.

One of those is a book written in the late 80s by the famous Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University, Stephen W. Hawking. In his magisterial work, A Brief History of Time, From the Big Bang to Black Holes, Hawking spells out his theory of an endless universe.

Reading

Hawking s book, I had very mixed feelings. First of all, I was amazed at his knowledge and very simple way of explaining complicated scientific terms, laws and theories. Without any discus-

sion, this is a strong and interesting aspect of the book. On the other hand, I was surprised and disturbed with his trips into the fields of philosophy and theology.

Leading his discussion about time, Hawking occasionally raises some theological and philosophical questions in an underdeveloped form. He speculates about the universe itself and about God s freedom in creating the universe. The first confusion I found in Hawking s book is his understanding of scientific theory. He says: It (theory) exists only in our minds and does not have any other reality. (whatever that might mean) I do not see any problem with this. A problem arises when his conclusions, based on his understanding of theory, reject God s existence. For example, he concludes that If the universe is really completely self-contained, having no boundary or edge, it would have neither beginning nor end: it would simply be. What place then, for the creator?

Hawking simply makes an intellectual twist. Instead of believing in God, he proposes a belief in a theory (in this specific case, in the universe, which like God, was and will be). The only difference is that God really exists while a theory exists only in our minds. In other words, my impression is that Hawking tries to convince us to believe in a little different way and in a different thing. We still have to believe. This is an aspect of faith, not an aspect of science.

Another point which is hidden in the Hawking book and which the author makes in the conclusion of his book has to do with the basic subject of science. Science should describe what is happening in the universe. Philosophy, on the other hand, should answer the question, Why? In other words, science crosses its borders. This might be a reason for those misunderstandings among scientists, philosophers and ordinary laymen.

In my opinion, the book is worth reading even though it may provide some confusion. The book provides an opportunity to deal with

Prussman Chapel Revival

The revival will begin at 7 p.m every night. The theme is Can the Church and Community Be Converted and Revived in Times Like These? (Ezekiel 37:1-13) Prussman Chapel will conduct a Spiritual Revival. Everyone is invited to participate in this time of preaching and music. Speakers for each evening are the following:

- Monday- Rev. Joe Morrison from True Spirit Baptist Church
- Tuesday- Rev. David King from St Stephens Baptist Church
- Wednesday- Pastor Michael Warthaw from Lord s Harvest
- Thursday- Minister Linda Edwards from Prussman Chapel
- Friday- Pastor Leon Emerson from



Military

Better late than never...

Purple Heart arrives 33 years after injury

by Spc. Jon Parr
Mountaineer staff

On March 28, 1965, in the middle of the Mekong Delta Region of the Republic of Vietnam, a vehicle from the 1st Special Forces Group was ambushed by the enemy. Small arms rounds and numerous grenade blasts flew in the area.

Survival was lucky, but injury was unavoidable, and 2nd Lt. Alfred G. Nichols III, a psychological operations/civil affairs officer received a concussion injury from the ambush. Treatment was immediately provided and Nichols continued with his mission. He wasn't evacuated by air or tagged, so he didn't receive the honored Purple Heart award.

Wednesday morning, 33 years later, Nichols stood before a 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) formation in his Class As and received his long awaited award before his fellow Green Berets.

The award was well received by Nichols, but at the time of the ambush, the award was the last thing on his mind.

"During those days, when we got wounded, it was just part of the job," he said. "I didn't even think about the award when I was injured. I wasn't evacuated or tagged and I saw the doctor three weeks later. I was healing and it was forgotten."

Thinking about the award didn't occur until three years ago when the medic who treated Nichols surprised him with a phone call. Both soldiers are part of a special forces organization and the medic came across his former patient's name.

"He called and asked if I had received a Purple Heart," Nichols said. "He was shocked and sent me a certified statement, which said he treated me for an injury during Vietnam. It was also recorded in my medical records. Then I took the rest



Photo by Spc. Jon Parr

Retired Lt. Col. Alfred G. Nichols III, receives his Purple Heart, as soldiers and family member look on.

of the steps, and here I am today."

Receiving the award means a lot to Nichols, but standing before fellow special forces soldiers touched him as well.

"This is a real highlight," he said. "To receive this award before the finest soldiers in the world and wearing the beret is wonderful."

Unlike the days behind him, where he battled the enemy in the jungle, the retired lieutenant colonel is currently teaching at Canon City High School as a Junior ROTC instructor.

Times have changed, but Wednesday was one day he said he will remember for the rest of his life.



Photos by Pfc. Adam Thornton

Specialist Seth Whitcomd, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, watches as rounds explode.

Boom —

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chief for 3rd Bn., 29th FA.

This (exercise) shows how quickly the artillery can locate a target and fire on it, said Woods.

As the position of the enemy target is called in, crews from the Howitzer batteries work quickly to send a round downrange.

A planned target takes two minutes from the time the target is called in, to the time the round is fired, said Sgt. Jason Rivas, combat observation team leader from HHB, 3rd Bn., 29th FA.

Targets not planned are called targets of opportunity. These are targets that present themselves

with little notice.

The time it takes to calculate, call in and fire on a target of opportunity is about seven minutes, Rivas said.

For practice exercises, firing on planned targets is the preferred method, said Staff Sgt. Cary Teague, combat observation team platoon sergeant for HHB, 3rd Bn., 29th FA.

Firing an artillery round is different than firing a tank round due to the number of components used in firing the round.

An artillery round requires three elements: the round, the color-coded bag of powder (green for short distances, white for long distances and red for very long distances) and the fuse.

When a call to fire is received, these three items must be checked, confirmed and loaded into the gun rapidly to be fired, sending the round spiraling toward its target. A tank round's ingredients are encased in a single shell, simply loaded and fired.

From the observation point, plumes of smoke and dirt were seen hurled into the air as the artillery rounds met their targets.

Targets are usually hit after the first call to fire, said Rivas. If not, recalculations are sent down through the Fire Direction Control team, which then relays the adjusted coordinates to the gun battery.

Targets left unscathed by the battery's first rounds will not be



Soldiers from 3rd Bn., 29th FA work quickly from an observation point in order to spot enemy targets.



Sergeant Gary Steensgard, section chief, is ready for the next call to fire.



... quickly to set up equipment at the ... y targets.



Specialist Shawn Edwards, fire support specialist, 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, is assisted in setting up a Ground Vehicle Lazer Locator Designator, used to identify the range of planned and unplanned targets.



Artillery smoke rounds find their targets as a soldier from HHB 3rd Bn., 29th FA looks on.



... for Bravo Battery 3rd Bn., 29th FA, makes adjustments to the Howitzer's on-board computer in order

Courts-martial results

NCO pays for taking part in larceny

A sergeant with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was tried by general court-martial for larceny. He provided a key to another individual who stole a government computer, a government printer and another soldier’s personal audio equipment. The sergeant pled guilty at trial and was sentenced to reduction to the grade of private, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and a bad conduct discharge.

Domestic disputes get NCO year of confinement

A sergeant with 3rd ACR was charged with assaulting his wife, disobeying orders to stay away from his wife and with twice fleeing to avoid apprehension by police. The sergeant pled guilty at a general court-martial. He received a sentence of reduction to the grade of private, forfeiture of \$300 pay per month for 10 months, and confinement for 12 months.

Private punished for numerous offenses

A private with 3rd ACR was tried for wrongfully using marijuana, a false official statement (forged a quarters slip to avoid physical training), disobeying an order not to drive (because he did not have a valid dri-

ver’s license), wrongful appropriation of his friend’s automobile, failure to repair, and breaking restriction. At a special court-martial empowered to adjudge a bad conduct discharge, the private pled guilty to all of the charged offenses. He received a sentence of forfeiture of \$616 pay per month for six months, confinement for four months and a bad conduct discharge.

Indecent acts send soldier to the big house

A private with 3rd ACR was convicted, contrary to his pleas, of attempted indecent assault, disorderly conduct, and three specifications of soliciting another to commit an offense (homosexual acts). The private was sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances, to confinement for 18 months, and to a bad conduct discharge.

Federal offense lands specialist in the pen

A specialist with the 3rd Brigade Combat, who was working in the unit mail room, was tried by general court-martial for opening the mail of fellow soldiers and stealing \$20 from one of the opened envelopes. The specialist pled guilty at trial and was sentenced to reduction to the grade of private, forfeiture of \$300 pay per

month for one year and confinement for one year.

Private guilty of controlled substance use

A private first class with the 3rd BCT was tried by a special court-martial empowered to adjudge a bad conduct discharge for wrongful possession, use and distribution of a controlled substance. He pled guilty at trial and was sentenced to reduction to the grade of private, confinement for four months and a bad conduct discharge.

Specialist didn’t see penalty of stealing NVGs

A specialist with 3rd BCT was tried by a general court-martial for theft of a pair of night vision goggles and for making a false official statement. The specialist pled guilty and received a sentence of reduction to the grade of private, forfeiture of \$400 pay per month for 18 months, confinement for 18 months and a bad conduct discharge.

Methamphetamines have private doing jail house rock

A private with 3rd BCT was tried by general court-martial for wrongful possession, introduction onto a military reservation, and distribution of

methamphetamines. The private pled guilty and received a sentence of reduction to the grade of private, forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 19 months, confinement for 19 months and a bad conduct discharge.

Firearms put specialist in serious debt

A specialist with 3rd BCT was tried by general court-martial for conspiracy, wrongful transfer and delivery of firearms, seven specifications of giving false statements in connection with the acquisition of firearms and illegally shipping firearms through the mail and common carriers. The specialist pled guilty and received a sentence of reduction to the grade of private, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, a \$10,000 fine, confinement for five years and a dishonorable discharge.

Army deserter doesn’t miss sentence day

A sergeant first class with 3rd BCT was tried by general court-martial for desertion and for missing movement to the National Training Center by design. The NCO pled guilty at trial and received a sentence of reduction to the grade of private, confinement for nine months and a bad conduct discharge.





Beware

Private Joshua Snowaert, 59th Military Police Company, aims down-range during a training exercise. The company is training for an upcoming deployment to Bosnia, where they will provide security.

Military women take 200-year trek toward respect, parity

by Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service
Today’s military women are doctors, lawyers, pilots, heavy equipment operators and military police. But women haven’t always enjoyed such prominence in the military.

It took more than 220 years and many trials, tribulations and indignities for women to reach their present plateau in military service, said retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught.

They’ve climbed from being cooks, laundresses and nurses with no rank, to generals, admirals, astronauts, pilots and much more, Vaught said. She is president of the board of directors of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation.

It’s important for military women today to be aware of their history, she said, quoting a Chinese maxim: “When drinking the water, don’t forget who dug the well.”

“Many women don’t understand today’s military isn’t the way it has always been for women,” said Vaught. “If you’re going to understand where you need to go, you need to understand where you’ve been.”

Vaught’s historical view starts with the American Revolution, where there was no place for women soldiers.

The military has historically recognized women’s value during periods of crisis, but only for nursing and

household-type duties, she said. Other women went along with their husbands as nurses, laundresses and cooks, which held true for about 100 years, Vaught said. The Civil War focused attention on women again because of the need to care for throngs of sick and wounded soldiers, Vaught said.

She said there is no evidence the Confederates hired contract nurses, but women served so it’s assumed they were volunteers — except for the documented case of Sally Tompkins. The Confederates commissioned her as a captain to run a hospital in Richmond.

Another little-known fact is that Civil War nurses established the first military system to get medical supplies to the battlefields.

During the Spanish-American War, Vaught said, the Daughters of the American Revolution recruited women to work for the Army as contract nurses. The women did so well, the Army decided to form a permanent Army Nurse Corps in 1901. The Navy followed suit in 1908.

Both services set professional nursing qualification standards, but the women got no rank, no command authority and no retirement plan.

The Navy broke its nurse-only tradition during World War I and accepted women as yeomen. Vaught said some 12,500 women, including some 17-year-old graduates of finish-

ing schools and clerical schools, were recruited to perform clerical duties.

Shortly after World War I, the Army gave its nurses relative rank up to major, but they couldn’t command men, Vaught noted. “At the start of World War II, Army and Navy women had relative rank, but didn’t have real status in the military.”

Initially, the Army put women in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. That meant they weren’t part of the regular Army, and they had ranks different from the men.

“Well, that didn’t work because the Army couldn’t support them as an auxiliary,” Vaught said. “So they changed it into the Women’s Army Corps. WACs had regular rank just like the men. The Army Nurse Corps kept their relative rank until late during the war.

“Again, women’s acceptance by the military was crisis-driven,” she said.

When the war ended, planners and strategists recognized women’s talents and skills would be needed in any future war, Vaught said. They saw a need for a peacetime cadre of women and so worked to get legislation giving women a permanent place in the military.

The Women’s Armed Services Integration Act, passed in 1948, codified women’s status as it was at the end of World War II. “It did give women rank and a permanent place in

the services in wartime and peacetime,” she said.

Women finally had most of the benefits men had, except Congress set ceilings on the percentage of women in uniform and the number who could be Army lieutenant colonels and colonels or Navy captains and commanders.

Women were prohibited from being generals or admirals until President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 90-130 on Nov. 8, 1967. The law, however, didn’t change some of the rules about entitlements. “Those limitations were very frustrating and very real,” Vaught said. “There were no such rules for men.”

As the Vietnam War wound down and the all-volunteer force came along in the early 1970s, women’s value to the military came to be recognized more, Vaught said.

“It was tough for women in the 1700s, 1800s, 1900s, and it will be tough for women in the next century,” she said. “But women proved they could do the job as well as most men. They’ve gained the respect they’ve deserved all along.”

Editor’s note: The American Forces Press Service has published a variety of articles this year on the contributions of women in the military services. To view the articles and the latest Defense Department news, visit their Web site at: <http://www.dtic.mil/afps/>)

\$how me the money



Sgt. 1st Class Terri Stamm
10th Combat Support
Hospital

A couple of years ago, I was interested in the new small satellite dishes for television, advertising the “v-chip” technology. The salespeople said it was important for every family with children to have this technology. To this day, I have no idea what the importance of the v-chip is; but, I felt it was absolutely necessary I get a satellite with that chip in it right then and there, even though my child was only three months old at the time.

I was a victim of impulse, ignorance, and vulnerability — I was scammed.

New technology is overpriced and full of “glitches” when it first becomes available to the consumer. Between six months and the next several years the “new” technology becomes “upgraded” or “improved” and dramatically reduces in price.

I have learned as a consumer to wait until the next model comes out, and buy the first one at a drastically reduced price. There’s nothing wrong

with it, it’s just not the latest model.

The business I purchased my dish from also provided “hassle-free” financing. I could take my dish home for only \$15 a month — it seemed so affordable and easy.

Twenty-six months had passed and I happened to actually read my monthly bill — something I wished I had done two years prior. My balance was still \$649, only \$50 less than what I originally paid for the dish.

What was supposed to be “hassle-free” financing turned out to be an expensive nightmare. After really reading my contract I found that by financing my dish on a revolving account with a payment of \$15 a month, I would pay my mortgage off sooner.

Luckily there was no penalty to pay the balance off early, so I used my escrow check (my vacation money) to pay off the account and close it for good.

Today the dish is still mounted on my house. It is turned off because regular cable is cheaper in my area. I paid \$1,100 on a dish I thought I had bought for \$699, that is now available on sale for about \$99.

Yes, there is a moral to this story. Follow these simple rules before you make any big purchases:

- Determine if you really need the item now. If not, save for it and pay cash.
 - Shop around. Find out if the price includes installation or delivery.
 - Read everything before signing or buying. You need to know finance rates, warranties, taxes and fees, can you have that item where you live, return or exchange policies, and most importantly — is this really what you want or need?
 - Do not always use the finance company at the business you are purchasing the item. Many times retailers get kickbacks for using that finance company. Shop around for the financing once you have found the item you want. Many times your own bank will give you the best deal.
 - Last, but not least, plan your purchases wisely. I didn’t need a v-chip dish for a child that wasn’t even old enough to hold the remote. Buy off-season, or at least wait until mid-late season. Many large and expensive items are sold at much lower prices at certain times of the year.
- Good luck with your financial future! It’s best to learn from other’s mistakes than pay for your own.

Dining Schedule

Week of Saturday to Sept. 4

Weekday Dining Facilities	
3rd ACR Patton House (building 2161) 3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461) 3rd BCT Iron Brigade (building 2061) 3rd BCT Mountaineer Inn (building 1369) 43rd ASG Cheyenne MTN Inn (building 1040) 10th Special Forces Group (building 7481) Butts Army Airfield (building 9612)	
Standard Meal Hours	
Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Thurs.
Breakfast 7:30 to 9 a.m.	5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	12 to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4 to 5:30 p.m.

Exceptions
• 10th Special Forces Group meal hours are the same Monday to Friday, but do not apply on Thursdays. No dinner meal services on Fridays.
• Butts Army Airfield is open for breakfast and lunch only.

Weekend Dining Facilities/ Meal Hours	
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461) 43rd ASG Cheyenne Mountain (building 1040) 3rd BCT Iron Bde. (building 2061)	
Standard meal hours	
Brunch	9 a.m. to noon
Supper	3:30 to 6 p.m.

Sports & Leisure

Army softball teams take home silver medals

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Both the men and women's Army softball teams finished in second place to earn silver medals at the 1998 inter-service softball championships held at the Mountain Post Sports Complex here Aug. 19 to 21.

The Air Force men's and women's teams each won the gold medal during the tournament that had many exciting moments and featured some of the best softball players in the armed forces.

In the women's bracket, history was going to be made by the Army team whether they won or lost the tournament. The Army women were going for their 13th consecutive tournament victory and after their first two games it looked like they were going to get the title again. By the same token, if the Army women lost, they would be the first team not to win the title since the Reagan administration.

Army began the tournament by clobbering the Marine Corps, 23-9 in a game that was as lopsided as the score would indicate.

In Army's second game they had an equally easy time defeating the Navy, 15-4. Between the two games the eventual champions from the Air Force didn't look like they would be much trouble for the Army as they barely beat the Navy, 13-12 on a two-out, two-run home run off the bat of Trish Luiken in the bottom of the seventh inning. Air Force rebounded to defeat the Marine Corps, 19-6 in their second game and that put both the 12-time champions from Army and the Air Force at two wins apiece as they met for the first of three scheduled meetings.

The atmosphere at the complex was at a fever pitch as the teams that have finished one and two for the last five years met to see which team would deliver the first mental blow to the other.

The Army team came into the game with the advantage, having won the tournament the previous five years, and they also seemed to have the momentum of two big victories in their first two games.

That would prove to be no advantage against a determined Air Force team that was worked up to a fever pitch at the thought of losing to the Army so many times in the past years. To add insult to injury, the Air Force team had to read about the Army dominance in the Mountaineer when they arrived in town Sunday, according to Air Force team captain Cheryl Trapnell, "and that motivated us."

Air Force did everything right in the first game from playing outstanding defense, led by Trapnell, to getting key hits and even playing some long ball, blasting three home runs. As early as the third inning the Army team knew this would not be another

rollover victory as they repeatedly said "its time to get in their heads," as they tried to help the Air Force team remember the past.

Air Force was more interested in looking at the present however. Air Force broke open a close game in the bottom of the fourth inning as their heavy hitters began to hit the ball hard and often. When the smoke settled, Air Force had struck first blood by winning the contest 15-9.

Under the triple round robin format, the loss didn't guarantee either service would win or lose the tournament, but it did give the Air Force a leg up on defeating the defending champions. All Army had to do was win their games against the Marines and the Navy the next day and if the Air Force did the same, they would still be in position to get back in the tournament.

Air Force did their part by beating the Navy in the first game of the day, and that set up the meeting between the Army and the Marines. Army had little difficulty in dispatching the Marines Aug. 19, and it was just a foregone conclusion that they wouldn't be tested on Aug. 20. The problem with that logic however, was someone forgot to tell the Marines.

In a huge upset, the Marines played their best game of the tournament and beat the 12-time defending champions 10-9, giving Army a crushing loss and a big hole to dig out from.

The task that faced Army now was simple. They would have to defeat Air Force twice and hope they didn't lose again in order to win their 13th title. The Marines could have helped the Army cause by beating the Air Force in their return date Aug. 20 but the Air Force was having none of that, beating the Marines easily.

After Army defeated Navy, it set up the second meeting between Air Force and Army and realistically represented Army's last chance to hold on to the championship they had started to consider their birth right.

Both teams were a little nervous to start the game and after one inning the game was tied at two apiece. Air Force then got out the "whipping sticks" and pounded Army pitching with a relentless attack that gave them a big 21-11 victory that all but wrapped up the tournament for Air Force.

All Air Force needed to do to wrap up the tournament was win one of the three games they would play Aug. 22 to claim the championship. But that wasn't the team's goal Trapnell said, shortly after the tri-



Photo by Walt Johnson

Navy's Valarie Hodges lines a single to center field against the Army during action in the inter-service championships at the Mountain Post Sports Complex Aug. 19 to 21.

umph of Army. "Our goal is to go 9-0 for the tournament."

An obviously dejected Army team led off the action on Aug. 22 with a game against the Marines and kept their slim hopes for the championship alive by extracting some revenge against the Marines. The 12-time defending champions now had to root for Navy to upset the Air Force, if they would have any hope of winning the title but it would not be as Air Force beat Navy to clinch the title.

Air Force added another victory over the Marines to their record but fell short of their goal of a 9-0 record because rain canceled their third meeting with the Army.

On the men's side, the Army team finished as silver medalist also, but after their first three games you wouldn't have thought they would win anything but the key to the cellar.

Army lost its first three games to the Marines, Navy and Air Force respectively. Army lost to the Marines 31-27, Navy 29-14 and the Air Force 34-33. After one day the Army men were the only team without a victory and they

weren't close in two of those games. The prospects for a second place finish were not good and it appeared they would have to play the rest of the tournament for pride instead of a medal. After one day of the tournament it appeared the Army was destined to repeat its last place showing of a year ago and that didn't sit well with the team. They decided to do something about it.

Army started action Aug. 21. by defeating the Marines 29-26 to earn their first victory of the tournament and bring a sense of relief to the team.

Army followed up their victory over the Marines with a 28-16 win over the Navy and suddenly they found themselves right in the middle of the championship title picture. With every team having at least one loss, the Army was one win away from being in the thick of the gold medal chase, all they had to do was beat the Air Force, the same position the women's team was in earlier in the day.

Air Force spotted the Army four

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Army's Elmer Mason socks a double to right field against the Marines at the Mountain Post Sports Complex Aug. 19 to 21.

Mountaineer columnist predicts 1998 college football winners, losers

by Spc. Jon Parr
Mountaineer staff

Oh boy, it’s that time of year again. Break out the chips and salsa, because college football begins Saturday when Nebraska meets Louisiana Tech and continues Sunday when the Trojans of Southern California host the Purdue Boilermakers.

These games may kick off the season, but the fun begins Monday when the Texas A&M Aggies visit the Florida Seminoles in the Kickoff Classic.

Many questions need to be answered this season. Can Michigan repeat as champions? Will Joe Paterno call it quits at the end of the year in hopes of bringing his team a National Championship?

This year’s Heisman Trophy watch revolves around the quarterback, as Washington’s Brock Huard, UCLA’s Cade McNown, Central Florida’s Daunte Culpepper and Kentucky’s Tim Couch look to fight for the honor.

Two problems stand in their way. The first is a running back from Texas named Ricky Williams, AKA “Little Earl.” Who is well on his way to becoming the all-time leading rusher in Division I college football history. The second is, Williams and the quarterbacks may split up the votes and linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer might win by default.

None of this is factual and each Saturday will answer our questions.

Let’s take a look at the super heavyweights of this year’s season.

1. Ohio State Buckeyes - The only thing keeping this team from winning the National Championship is Michigan. Twice now the Wolverines have foiled any chance of a title landing in Columbus, but this year Ohio State looks unstoppable. With QB Joe Germaine leading the offense, tailback Michael Wiley and the best receiving tandem in the country of David Boston, Dee Miller and Ken-Yon Rambo, defenses are going to be in trouble. The line is superb as well. Offense is necessary, but the Buckeyes have an incredible defense as well. It is led by line-backer Andy Katzenmoyer, the best football player in America, regardless of position. Then you add defensive backs Antoine Winfield and Gary Berry to the mix and you have a team destined to win it all.

Final record: 12-0

2. Michigan - Oh how the rich get richer. Michigan was robbed when the coaches poll voted Nebraska the Co-National Champs, but it was the Wolverines who won the recruiting battle. It is these recruits that make Michigan good enough to be ranked number 2 in the country. Yes they lost Charles Woodson on defense, but Woodson didn’t make the Michigan defense the best in the country by himself. They return nine starters, and the offense returns six. The offensive line is intact and look for freshman TB Justin Vargas to make an impact. The game against Ohio State will determine the national champs.

Final record: 12-1

3. Florida State - Don’t ask me how coach Bobby Bowden does it, but he is amazing. FSU only returns 12 starters, but they continue to be a top-five team, year in and year out. This season is no different as TB Travis Minor will tear up defenses while running behind a veteran line. The defense has more questions, as linebackers Daryl Bush and Sam Cowart are gone, along with that guy named Andre Wadsworth. This is no problem for Bowden though, top talent always finds a way to make the Seminoles a contender. Remember, the Seminoles practice squad could beat at least 75 of the 112 Division I teams.

Final record: 12-1

4. Kansas State - They return 18 starters and each of them is looking to beat the Nebraska Cornhuskers this year. The Wildcats aren’t the fourth best team in the country, but they are good enough to beat Nebraska. A soft schedule and a weak Cornhusker team will lead to an undefeated season, but their hearts will be crushed when they face Ohio State in the title game and lose. The defense is the best in the country, especially with linebackers Jeff Kelly, Travis Ochs and Mark Simoneau leading the way. The offense is exciting as QB Michael Bishop looks to pick up where he left off last season. He dismantled Syracuse by himself and a solid line and quality receivers will assure a successful season.

Final record: 12-1

5. Louisiana State - This team is deadly on the ground. Cecil “The

Diesel” Collins is off the team, but Kevin Faulk and Ronell Mealey are back to eat defenses alive. The defense is strong as well, as all three starters from the backfield return. There two games against Florida will decide how far this team goes. They play the Gators during the regular season, but the teams should meet again for the Southeastern Conference Championship game. I’d bet on a split.

Final record: 11-2

Top 25		
1. Ohio State	12-0	
2. Michigan	12-1	
3. Florida State		12-
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4. Kansas State		12-
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5. LSU	11-2	
6. Florida	11-2	
7. UCLA	10-2	
8. Nebraska	10-2	
9. Arizona State		10-
2		
10. West Virginia	11-1	
11. Colorado State	12-1	
12. Tennessee	10-2	
13. Penn State		10-
2		
14. Texas A & M		10-
3		
15. Wisconsin	9-3	
16. Virginia	9-3	
17. Washington		9-3
18. Notre Dame		9-3
19. North Carolina	8-4	
20. Syracuse	8-4	

On the Bench

MEDDAC Challenge: 50-mile race to test soldiers' competitive fire



by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer Staff
The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity unit will sponsor a 50-mile relay race here Saturday, at Evans Army Community Hospital. The race is designed to promote wellness and physical fitness for soldiers,

according to Capt. Kim Johanek.

The 50-mile relay race is open to teams that can have up to 10 runners running any individual distance the team chooses to total 50 miles. Johanek said the teams could have up to 10 runners because the idea is to promote fitness not to do something that will be harmful.

The course is run entirely on post, beginning at the hospital. Pre-registration is currently taking place at the hospital. Runners who register today will pay a \$15 fee while those registering Saturday must pay \$18. Also included in the registration is a T-shirt, certificate of completion and medals and trophies for the winners, according to race organizers.

Runners will have a chance to get the carbohydrate boost they will need to run an endurance race tonight. All registered runners will receive a free pasta dinner at the hospital's dining facility beginning at 6 p.m.

The race is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. with awards and a closing ceremony.

The best rugby players in the military community will meet at Fort Carson Sept. 10 to 12 at Pershing Field to decide the 1998 military championship, a competition the Army has dominated over the past four years according to Capt. Moises Guterrez, rugby coach.

The round-robin tournament between the Army,

Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard begins Sept. 10 and runs through Sept. 12 with five games Sept. 10 and five games Sept. 11. The two teams with the best record will meet for the championship Sept. 12, with the teams with the next best records meeting for third place. A feature of this tournament is the team that finishes fifth meets a team made up of all the players who didn't play much during the round-robin tournament.

The 1998 Fort Carson women's varsity basketball team tryouts continue today at 4 p.m. at McKibben physical fitness center.

The tryouts will continue on Monday and conclude on Wednesday. Anyone wishing further information on the tryouts can contact Marcia Olivares at 526-7145 or 7155.

The Fort Carson men's basketball team will hold tryouts for this year's from Monday 31 to Sept. 4 at McKibben physical fitness center at 6 p.m. The tryouts will then be suspended for National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., rotation and will resume on Oct. 28. For more information contact Don Pitts 526-1592.

The Fort Carson Sports Division will be hosting two qualification races for the Army 10-mile team beginning Saturday.

The post will send four, six-person teams: men, women, masters and co-ed, to Washington D.C. Oct. 11 to help the post defend the Commander's Cup trophy, won last year.

The races will be held today at 8 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. Registration and the start of the race will be at the Forrest Fitness Center. There is no charge to run in the race and runners can compete in one or all of the races. After selecting the team, practices will be held Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 9 a.m. at a site to be determined.

The 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment supports the race. The point of contact is Lavon Shelton at 576-3974.

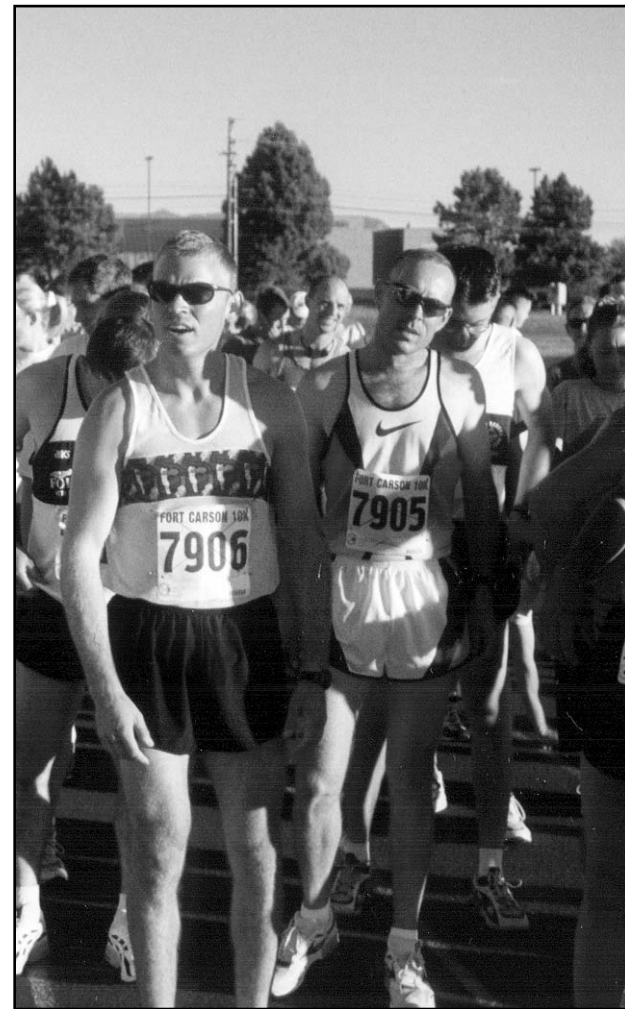


Photo by Walt Johnson

More than 100 runners met at the running track next to the Forrest Fitness Center to run in the Army 10-mile tryouts or just to participate in the event for fun.

Softball —

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runs in the top of the first inning and then scored 14 runs in their half of the first inning to put the game away because the Army team could only score nine more runs the rest of the game. Air Force won the game 37-13 and effectively ended any chance the Army had for the gold medal, but there was still a matter of a silver medal to be played for and Army was in the hunt for that medal. All they had to do was defeat the Navy and Marines on Aug 22, and the silver medal would be theirs.

The first test would be against the Marines and Army got off to a fast start leading the Marines 28-18 after four innings. In the top of the fifth inning the Marines scored three runs to pull to within 32-21. Army added four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 32-18 lead and it appeared they would cruise to victory. The Marines however were in no mood to quit and they put seven runs on the board in the top of the sixth inning to pull within 32-25.

Army responded to the challenge by scoring five runs in the bottom of

the sixth inning to take a 37-28 lead and it appeared they would be able to cruise to victory. Not so, because the Marines plated four runs and looked like they would mount a serious threat to the Army lead. But Army held on to take a 37-32 victory and a win over Navy would make the improbable come true — winning a silver medal

Army started out the game like they wanted to take it to the Navy and did just that scoring 13 runs in the top of the first inning. Navy responded by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first inning, and after Army added four runs in the second inning, Navy was looking at a 17-7 deficit. Navy erupted for eight runs in the bottom of the second and closed the gap to 17-15 and made it a ball game again. In the third inning Army scored two runs to take a 19-15 lead, and what they thought was a safe lead.

Navy came up in the bottom of the third inning and scored 17 runs to take a 32-21 lead that appeared to doom any hope the Army had of winning a silver medal.

In the top of the fourth inning, Army scored six runs to close the gap to 32-27. Navy added seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to

increase their lead to 39-27 and it looked bleak for the Army cause.

Army then called on their pride again and scored 12 runs in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game at 39 runs apiece. Facing the thought of defending against the Navy bats for three innings, Army’s chances to win the game didn’t look very good. All the hard work this team did to drag themselves out from under a 0-3 deficit in wins, looked like it would be in vain. This was an old fashioned shoot out where the last team batting would usually win the game, or the team with the offensive momentum, and that was Navy, would come away the victor. But the strangest thing happened over the rest of the game.

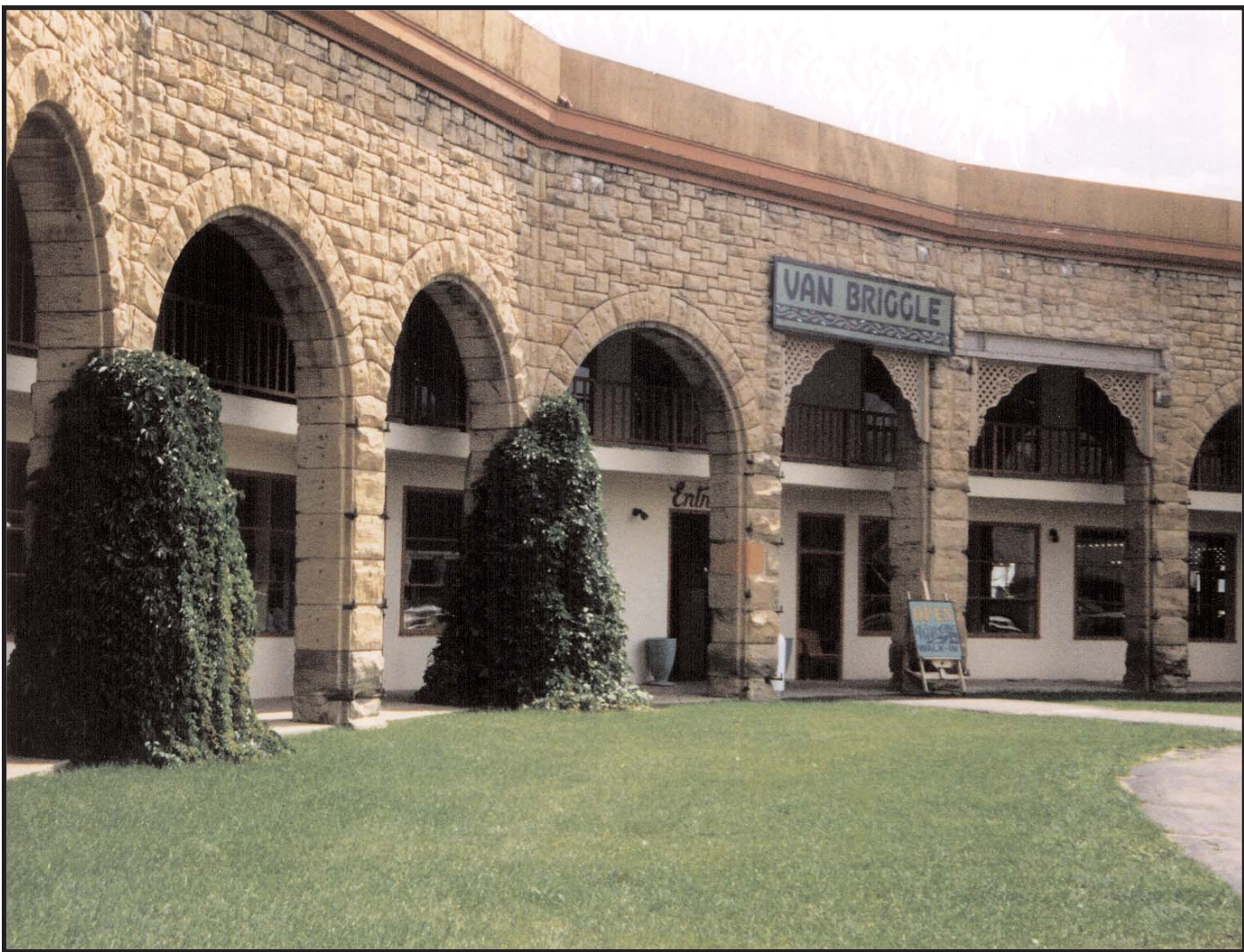
In the fifth, sixth and seventh innings Navy didn’t get one hit and the Army pushed across one run in the top of the sixth inning to win the game and the silver medal.

Earning a berth on the all tournament team for the women’s team were: Army’s shortstop Pam Smith, catcher Lucy Geidner, outfielder Micki Manning and infielder Gretchen McMullen; and Air Force’s first baseman Trish Luiken, second baseman Donna McLamb, shortstop

Cheryl Trapnell, pitcher Melissa Marion, outfielders Monica Everett, Mozette Timmons and Wanda Graham.

Earning all tournament berths for the men were: Army’s thrid baseman Elmer Mason, the Marine Corps catcher Cherylton McCray and outfielder Lonnie Dillard; Navy’s outfielder Mike Williams and Air Force’s first baseman Dennis Daniels, second baseman Dale Back, pitcher Robert King, outfielders Robert Puckett and Wayne Pennington, shortstop Joel Obman and infielder Marshall Oliver.

Selected for the women’s armed forces team were: Ronnie Jennings of the Marines, Jean Robison of the Navy, Manning, Vivian Colbert, Smith, Michelle Murga and Geidner of the Army; and Air Force’s Trapnell, Graham, McLamb, Luiken, Marian, Timmons, and Wendy Hansen. Selected for the women’s armed forces team were: Air Force’s Back, Obman, King, Pennington, Patrick Acre, Jerry Barnett, and Mark Cobb; Army’s Surber, and John Watts; Navy’s Jose Sanchez, Lou Padelka and Williams; and the Marines’ McCray, Dilliard and Jesse Oliver.



The Van Briggle Pottery Company is located in the original Midland Railway Terminal Roundhouse.

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VAN BRIGGLE

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Mountaineer staff



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Briggle Art Pottery, made in Colorado Springs, produces some of the world's most famous pottery. Pottery making is one of the world's oldest arts. Written history (the Bible) mentions pottery making more than 2,600 years ago.

Van Briggle pieces are especially popular with collectors.

Artus Van Briggle came to Colorado Springs in 1899. As was the case for many of Colorado Springs leading citizens, he came here for his health. He had tuberculosis, and came to Colorado Springs for the clean, dry air and the hope of a cure.

Van Briggle got his start in pottery when he was just a teenager, working in the Rookwood Pottery Company in Ohio. He experimented with glazes after his shift was finished, and eventually was creating glazes that caught the attention of the company's management, according to Blake Malboeuf, tour guide at Van Briggle Art Pottery, located at the corner of 21st Street and Highway 24 West.

In order to keep the young artist in their employ, Malboeuf said that management offered him a bonus and the opportunity to attend Beaux University in France at company expense.

Van Briggle accepted, and went off to France for three years to study.

Upon his return to the United States, because of his health, Van Briggle settled in Colorado Springs in 1899. He started his own company, making pottery on a farm and at another building on North Nevada.

Van Briggle and his wife Anne, whom he met while studying in France, received the highest recognition and awards for their art pottery designs and glazes.

One of the most famous products perfected by Van Briggle, about the beginning of the 20th century, is the

satin matte glaze. Van Briggle's glaze is similar to the Chinese matte glaze, which had been a lost art for 400 years. The matte glaze is used for many of the Van Briggle pieces, while others are finished in a gloss finish.

General William Palmer, the founder of Colorado Springs, became an investor in the Van Briggle com-

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The original Van Briggle building has unique smokestacks and trim.

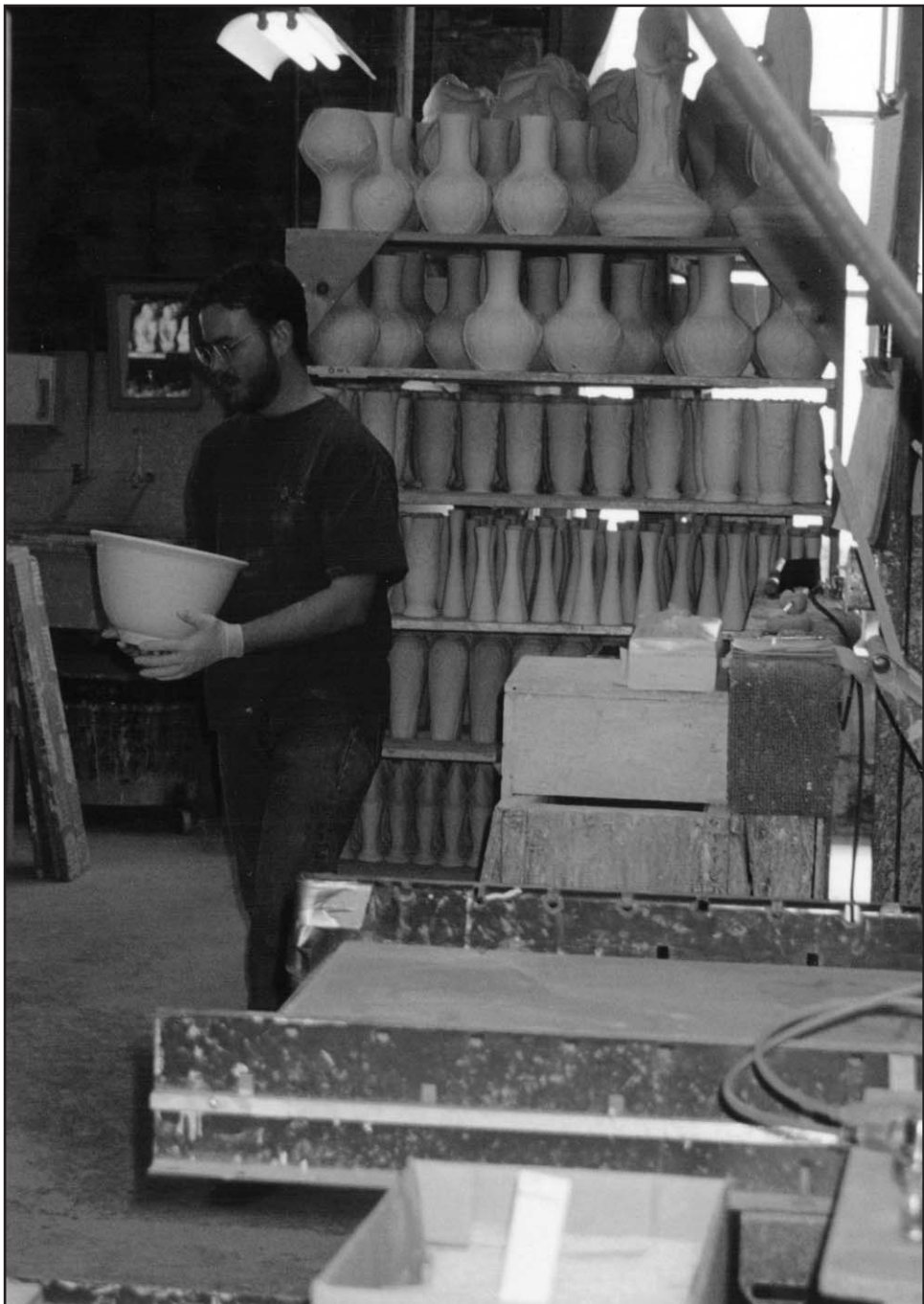
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A pull-out section for the Fort Carson community
August 28, 1998



Ivy Hill works on a pot in the casting room at Van Briggles Art Pottery.



An artist prepares a pot for firing.

Photos by Nel Lampe

Just the Facts

Travel time 20 minutes
For ages all
Type pottery production
Fun factor ★★★★★

(Out of 5 stars)

Wallet damage = free

(Based on a family of four)

\$ = Less than \$20
\$\$ = \$21 to \$40
\$\$\$ = \$41 to \$75
\$\$\$\$ = \$76+

Pottery

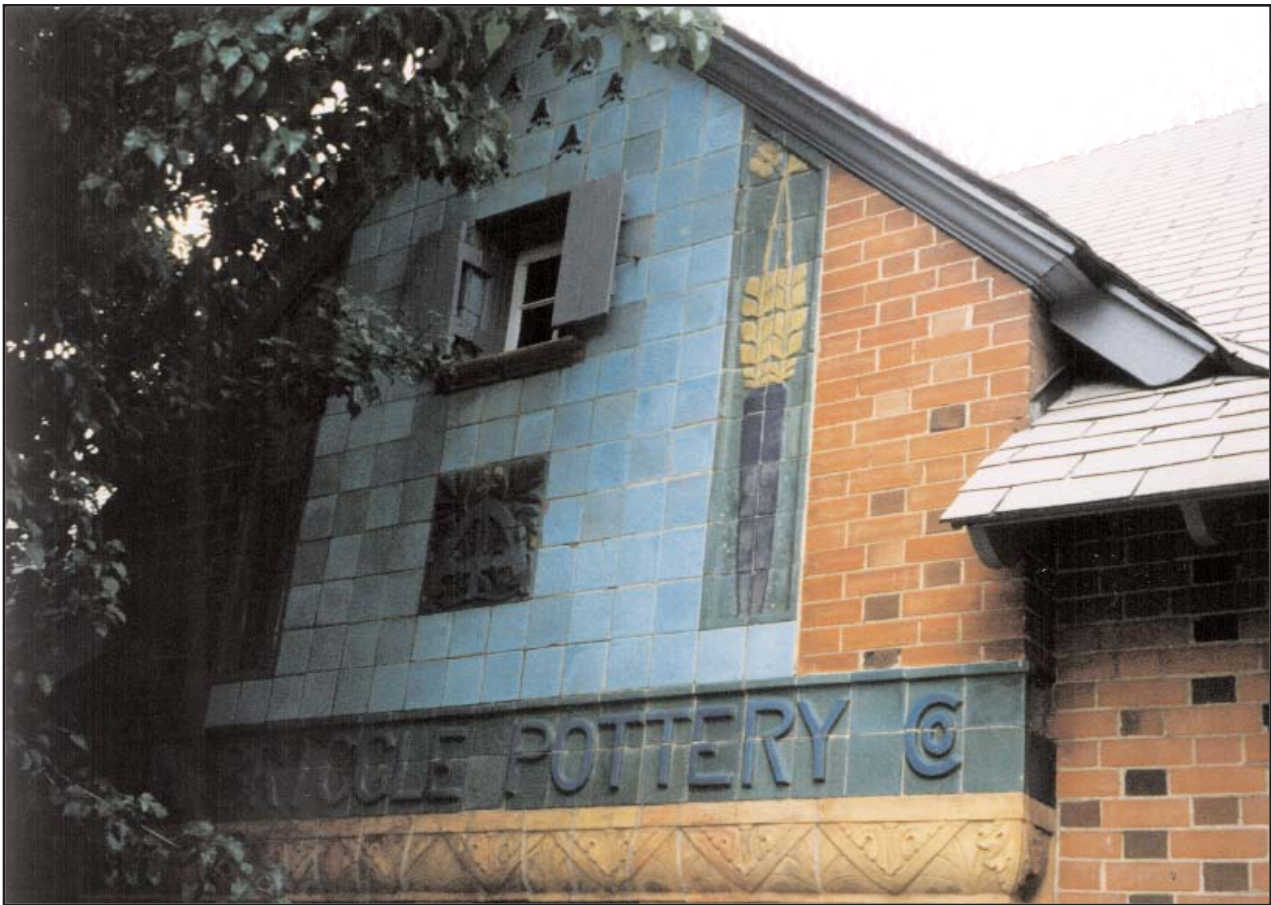
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ny. A new building was completed in 1907 near the corner of Uintah and I-25. The building is distinctive, with uniquely shaped chimneys and trimmed with Van Briggles tiles. Colorado College uses the building now.

Van Briggles only lived five years after starting his company in Colorado Springs, dying at age 35 of tuberculosis. His wife Anne continued the business. In 1912, she leased the business out and moved to Denver. Since that time, the company has changed hands a few times, but still retains the Van Briggles name. Many of the designs and glazes used by the Van Briggles at the turn of the century are still being produced.

In the early 50s, the present location became available, and the Van Briggles Art Pottery Company expanded into the more spacious former Midland Railroad Roundhouse.

Built in 1889, the roundhouse served as the maintenance facility for the railroad which had hauled gold down from the



The 1907 Van Briggles building is decorated with tiles.

Cripple Creek mines to the nearby gold processing plant. The doors used for the trains are still a feature of the present Van Briggles building.

Eventually the company gave up the 1907 building.

Although pieces of Van Briggles art pottery didn't cost much 100 years ago, those old pieces today may be worth a fortune.

Van Briggles pottery is often mentioned on Public Broadcast Systems Antique Roadshow.

Van Briggles works are displayed in some of the world's most renowned museums, such as the Louvre in Paris and New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

There is a special Van Briggles room in Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum which includes a rare fireplace made of Van Briggles tiles which was removed from a house in northern Colorado Springs, as well as a large collection of art pieces.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of one of the more famous Van Briggles designs the Lorelei. This vase depicts the legend of the mermaid who lured the sailors on Germany's Rhine River near the rocks, where the undertow crashed the boats into the rocks.

This year's collectors piece, called three angels, is currently being made at Van Briggles.

Community Events ACS

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program offers a Standard Form 171 and Optional Form 612 workshop Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. These forms are basic federal employment applications.

The workshop provides insight in completing applications and general hints about the most effective ways to describe professional experience.

To register or for more information, call 526-0452.

The Family Member Employment Assistance Program holds a resume workshops Wednesday and Sept. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop includes a variety of resume styles.

For registration and information, call 526-0452.

The Nurturing program is looking for volunteers. Volunteers receive intensive, professional training Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Active duty volunteers can receive promotion points, and there is child care reimbursement for volunteers.

The Nurturing program for age group 0 to 5 begins Sept. 11 and age group 4 to 12 begins Sept. 14. Registration is Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACS building.

For more information, call 526-4590.

The Puppet Troupe is looking for volunteers to help support its puppet show. Using the nationally known puppets Kids on the Block, volunteers help to deliver this show to area elementary schools. Volunteers will receive free child care.

For more information, call 526-4590.

The Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring a playgroup every Friday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. The group is open to all ages.

For more information, call 526-4590.

be Sept. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Elkhorn Catering and Conference Center. Guest speaker will be Lionel Rivera, assistant vice president from Merrill Lynch and a Colorado Springs City Council member. For more information, call 526-4413.

Construction to Gate 1, Nelson Boulevard and State Route 115 is on going and should be completed in October. Gate 1 will remain closed and traffic will be detoured to Gate 2, O'Connell Boulevard, at Highway 115.

The Fort Carson Warrant Officers Association, Silver Chapter is collecting General Mills Box Tops to raise cash for Fort Carson schools. There will be drop boxes at the Commissary, Post Exchange and all Fort Carson schools throughout the year. For more information, call 526-8593 or 526-2922.

The Fort Carson landfill has changed operating hours. The new times are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Relocation of sanitary disposal is just west of Route 5 and Tank trail C, on the landfill road.

For more information, call 526-6676.

The Office of Personnel Management is hosting a live interactive satellite broadcast Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center. The broadcast is being used to provide information to CSRS employees who are considering switching to FERS. For more information, call Ed Gibson at 526-2232.

The Fort Carson Army Career and Alumni Program Job Fair will be Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elkhorn Conference Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 526-1002.

Evans Army Community Hospital is conducting blood drives daily at building 2455 from 8 to 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to donate blood. If interested in having the Bonfil bloodmobile bus park outside your office for one hour on Tuesday afternoons call (800) 750-4483.

TRICARE offers appointments for

teams to compete. Teams will help to help with the prevention of infant mortality. For more information, call 526-9981.

The Young Children's Center is looking for volunteers. For coordination to families of toddlers with special needs. High school diploma required.

YCF is looking for volunteers.

For more information, call 526-577-9190.

Head Start is looking for volunteers for the 1998-99 school year. Residents with child care experience. Sept. 15 may qualify for the program.

Classrooms are available at elementary schools in districts 1 and Peyton. Child care is available a week, either Monday or Tuesday and Thursday.

Call 635-1536 for an appointment.

The U.S. Association of Women is seeking 140 hostesses for the 1998-99 People's Choice Award. Sept. 10 to 12 national performing arts festival. Members from all over the world.

For more information, call 526-0422.

The Non-Practical Nurses Association is sponsoring a playgroup entitled Role of the Nurse. Sept. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Catholic Church. Tickets are \$5. Two continuing education credits will be given. For more information, call Sanger at 592-9311.

The Fountain Valley service unit 17, is looking for volunteers to organizational committee. The following dates are available: building 6262 Elwell. Girl Scouting is all about leadership roles. For more information, call 382-8071.

Military Briefs

The Central Issue Facility closes every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. and, beginning Sept. 8, every day from 11 to 11:30 a.m. The CIF closes Sept. 3 and 4 for 100-percent inventory and Sept. 7 in observance of Labor Day. Normal business hours resume Sept. 8. For more information, call 526-6477.

Accident Avoidance Training will be conducted from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday at McMahon Theater. Attendees must sign in under their respective directorates and be seated by 8 a.m. The training is mandatory for all military and civilian vehicle drivers not assigned to tactical units. Drivers must attend one of the sessions.

The 4th Finance Battalion is now receiving and reviewing all travel vouchers. Soldiers can turn their vouchers in to their Personnel Administration Center or bring them directly to the customer service counter in building 1220. People should no longer submit travel vouchers to the Directorate of Resource Management.

For more information, call 524-1125.

Applications are now being accepted for the Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program. This program allows the selection of 15 Army officers to

The Fort Carson Criminal Investigation Command has begun full operation of its Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. The hotline allows members of the community to report incidents of suspected fraud, waste and abuse.

To report suspected cases of fraud against the government, call the hotline at 524-1120. Callers can remain anonymous and all information is confidential. Callers must, however, leave enough information

attend law school at government expense while on active duty. Candidates must have at least two, but no more than six years of active duty at the time law school commences.

Eligible officers interested in applying should register for the fall Law School Admission Test. Applications must be sent through the candidates chain of command and be received by their branch no later than Nov. 1.

For more information, call 526-1441.

All file areas are to submit their list of file numbers for approval by Nov. 3. LFN's must be submitted on Forces Command Form 350-R, List of File Numbers, dated Oct. 1, 1989 to the Directorate of Installation Management, management services branch, records management.

For more information, call 526-2107.

Sand Canyon Road is closed for construction until Sept. 30. Units traveling down-range must use alternate routes.

An Army ROTC Green to Gold brief is scheduled every Tuesday at the education center, in room 203C at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 262-3611.

Smoke is scheduled to be used at Mortar Point 24, Monday to Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 526-4137.

An additional class for all A & R officer/NCO representatives is scheduled for Sept. 16 at Garcia Physical Fitness Center from 1 to 2 p.m. Representatives who attended the Aug. 5 class don't need to attend.

Long lost shipmates of the USS Gatling (DD-671) are wanted for a reunion held Oct. 1 to 3, in Kansas City, Mo. Interested crew members should contact Gene Woodward at (757) 340-1496.

Dick Crampton, deputy director of the Officer Placement Service for the Retired Officers Association is speaking to officers, senior noncommissioned officers and spouses

Fort Carson Command announced a reward was paid for the identification of the perpetrator of the vandalism and arson at the Memorial Chapel.

CID announced rewards.

A \$25,000 reward was offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the perpetrator concerning the death of a soldier.

A \$500 reward was offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the perpetrator of the petty larceny of a Donkey Kong (number unknown) RIFLES in World Patrols the Saan Armored Cavalry 21 and 22. The perpetrator is a Polk, double married, cherry frame. The perpetrator is a 3rd ACR posted to 1846 signed by Steiner and Col.

A \$500 reward was offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the perpetrator of the petty larceny of two a building 580, Pu Depot, between 9:15 a.m. Nov.

A \$600 reward was offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the perpetrator of the petty larceny of electronic equipment from the Center between 9:15 a.m. Nov.

A \$500 reward was offered for information leading to the identification and conviction of the perpetrator of the petty larceny of government dress uniforms, a microwave and a microwave Alterations Shop.

If you have information on any of the above cases, please

Sports & Leisure Athletics

Springs is looking for boys, born between Aug. 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986, to play on one of their competitive soccer teams for the upcoming fall and spring seasons.

This is a great opportunity for young men to play competitive level soccer here. The Pride plays in the Colorado State Youth

can compete in one

After selecting the teams, the tournament will be held Monday, Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. The tournament is scheduled for Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. The tournament is scheduled for Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The point of contact is 576-3974.



Bennett Street in Cripple Creek will be closed off to all traffic other than motorcycles Saturday.

Once you've paid your way into the Colorado State Fair, which continues through Sept. 7, there are some free stage concerts available.

Today, Deluxury appears on stage at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, Primetime Country performs at 4 p.m. and Matt King at 7 and 9 p.m. Matt King also appears at the same time Sunday. Monday and Tuesday, it's Grandstaff at 7 and 9 p.m.; and Redneck Wednesday and

Get Out!

Also open to fairgoers inside the grounds, in the Grandstand, today at 6 p.m., free admission to the sheep dog Trials. Also free admission to the four and six hitch pulls and draft horses at 10 a.m.

Fruit picking time

Looking for a short excursion on the week-end? Why not take a picnic lunch and head for Penrose, just a half hour down Highway 115. The apples and peaches are ready for picking. Take the camera, let the kids pull a few lunch-box size apples and have a great family time. The fruit prices are reasonable but you supply the labor. Watch for signs for apple farms, or ask around.

Hundreds of motorcycle riders meet in Divide Saturday at 11 a.m. for a procession into Cripple Creek to dedicate the new Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action wall. This is the 11th year the motorcyclists have saluted American veterans and POWs and MIAs. For the riders, other activities are scheduled throughout the weekend, following the noon wall dedication. For nonriders, it's a chance to attend a patriotic ceremony, see a flyover and see the bike procession. It's also an opportunity

The circus

If you missed the Barnum & Bailey circus, you have a chance to see a circus with three-ring circuses at the Jordan World Circus on Aug. 29 and 30. Discount tickets are available at Informa for adults and free for age 12. At the gate, adults and \$5 for times Aug. 29 are Aug. 30 are at 1. Circus is one of the in North America. Grande (where the Street and 21st St the Cimarron Exit, turn left

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Memorial Park :
in the morning Sept
classic, with more
attracts thousands
the complete story

Smoke

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3; Tomas Kubinek
Wild is Feb. 10 t

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Ratings:

★★★★1/2

5 = a must buy

4 = pitch in with a friend

3 = see if a friend bought it

2 = wait for radio release

1 = not missing anything

Title: Mercyland

Artist: Cowboy Mouth

Label: MCA

Time: 47:58

Tracks: 14

Rating: 4 1/2 Stars

You know a group is going to be around for a long time when their first album spawns a modest hit record, but their second effort just blasts hit after hit out of your discman. Mercyland from Cowboy Mouth is just such a CD. Every track could be on your radio tomorrow and most likely you would want to go out and buy it.

Once again Cowboy Mouth has dug into its musical roots for inspiration. You'll hear bits and pieces of New Orleans funk and 80's arena rock fused together to give Cowboy Mouth a unique sound. That sound travels from the intensity of Everyone Is Waiting, one of several songs about women with attitudes when it comes to men, to the soulful introspection of Great Wide Open World. Unlike Are You With Me?, Mercyland doesn't have quite so many songs about past loves, with a little more focus on present loves.

This new love gives the CD a more upbeat feel. The biggest difference between Are You With Me? and Mercyland is that the craftsman-

ship of the songs has reached another level. Mercyland has some kind of memorable hook just as easy to boogie to. I Want To Believe choogles in a swamp-boogie sort of way that sway to the groove. Shotgun In My Soul you want to get up and jitterbug, not is a sway. Out Of My Way, on the other hand, two-step! You'll even get a honky-tonk ballad.

Just by listening to some of the tracks, the CD, you can tell that Cowboy Mouth had the time you get to Great Wide Open World has dissipated and been taken over a realization of tiny problems/on a tiny planet/in a great wide everything and that the little things will take there the music is just plain fun. Shotgun with the central theme of missing my honey Even Bad is fun. I'm gonna do everything should...I wanna be cruel/I wanna try everything Catholic school.

Is Mercyland a party in a box? Just about every taste, a tune for every occasion breakthrough album? It better be.